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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Madam:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on October 9, 2008 for the aboveidentified patent application. A request for an appropriate extension of time and the requisite fee are filed concurrently herewith.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.